



The Conference for American Indian Women of Proud Nations occurred Sept. 24-25 in GPAC and the UC Annex. Some 19 tribes and nations from across the country attended the event. There were vendors in GPAC that displayed cultural items such as jewelry, artwork, herbs and medicine. The Conference had presentations from notable Native American women. Photo by Janna Blue

NAACP plans events, wants to increase membership, interest

By Ashley Williams
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UNCP NAACP President Avon Banks shared the history of the NAACP organization's youth division and mission at their general meeting Sept. 24 in the Multicultural Center.

According to Banks' slide show, "the creation of a formal structure of the NAACP youth division goes back to 1936 under the leadership of then Executive Secretary Walter White."

According to the slide show, the "mission of the NAACP is to improve the political, educational and economic status of minority groups; to eliminate racial prejudice; to keep the public aware of the adverse effects of racial

discrimination; and to take all lawful action to secure its elimination, consistent with efforts of the state and national organizations and in conformity with the Articles of Incorporation of the Association."

Banks said that the organization is going to have four meetings each month, two executive board meetings and two general meetings.

Banks said he wants to try and do things with NAACP chapters at other colleges to get the organization known within other chapters.

The organization has an NAACP Party reserved for Jan. 22, but Banks might move it to February as part of Black History Month.

Banks wants to organ-

ize a fundraiser in October in order to raise much needed funds and membership numbers for the organization.

Banks also said that he wants to hold a poetry slam featuring the Prometheus Poets of Durham.

Banks asked everyone what they thought of when they hear NAACP.

One person said that she thinks of black community service when she hears NAACP. Another person said that she thinks of equal rights when she hears NAACP.

"NAACP expands past our cultural border," Banks said.

Free pizza and Coca-Colas were provided for the participants.

Less than 3 percent vote in SGA election

By Grant Merritt
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The results show that Jordan Sullivan received the most votes for SGA treasurer and Brianna Buchanan received the most votes for SGA freshman senator.

According to Director of Student Life Mike Severy's email to UNCP's student body, the SGA will take one treasurer and five first year senators.

Out of 6,650 students, only 158 voted in the election. That's only 2.37 percent of students participating in the election.

The election link was accessible to any student who successfully logged into BraveWeb. The election was switched this year to BraveWeb by the Department of Information Technologies to make it more accessible to students. In the past, the election link was only

accessible from UNCP's previous email carrier, Webmail.

The SGA election was postponed twice this semester so that DoIT

could have time to make the election link accessible from BraveWeb.

The election started on Sept. 23 and ended on Sept. 24 at 11:59 p.m.

SGA Freshman Senator Election Results

Rank	Candidate	Votes
1	Brianna Buchanan	89
2	Patricia Schwarz	72
3	Elizabeth Goins	70
4	Dustin Shealy	48
5	Aaronmis McKoy	48
6	Jonatano Gutierrez	32
7	Kamil Weston	25
8	Sheneque Stewart	20

The chart above displays the amount of votes each candidate received during the election. Graphic by Kayla Pearson

Health Services provides free STD testing

By Ashley Williams
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Student Health Services is offering free chlamydia and gonorrhea testing to UNCP students.

They started offering the free testing on Sept. 14. The free testing will be offered until Oct. 9. No appointments are needed.

If interested, participants can walk into Student Health Services and request a free STD

screening. These tests are only offered once a year.

This is the fourth year that Student Health Services has participated in the Chlamydia Awareness Campaign. The Chlamydia Awareness Campaign is a grant that is offered through public health. Through this grant, Student Health Services has been allotted 150 tests. Testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea is done by urine specimen. It

takes a week for the results of chlamydia and gonorrhea testing to come back.

Student Health Services will be offering free HIV testing on Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 and Nov. 22. These tests will be offered from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Student Health Services will be having two health education programs. The first program, Healthy Eating Habits, is scheduled for Oct. 8 at 7

p.m. in the Pine Hall Conference Room. The second program, Safe Sex Practices, is scheduled for Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in room 129 of the Multicultural Center.

They will also be giving free blood pressure screenings on Oct. 28 and Dec. 2. These screenings are scheduled to be held in the University Center from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Student Health Services also offers family planning classes. The

next classes are scheduled for Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. in room 22 on the second floor of the Student Health Services building.

As part of World AIDS Week, Student Health Services will have an information table in the University Center on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

On Dec. 1 at 8 p.m., they will be showing the movie "Girl Positive" in Pine Hall. To cap off

World AIDS Week, they will be holding a World AIDS Awareness Walk/Vigil on Dec. 2 at 9 p.m. This finale event will be held at the water feature.

For more information about Student Health Services, log on to the SHS home page <http://www.uncp.edu/shs>.

SHS can also be contacted by phone at 910-521-6219.